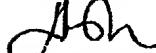


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE A RESPONSE

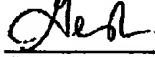
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Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time to file a Response for three months from May 25, 2004 to August 25, 2004.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1155 in the amount of \$950.00 to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to this deposit account. This request is being submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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